

CITY OF GERMANTOWN



EXCELLENCE. EVERY DAY.
2009 CALENDAR

The City of Germantown is pleased to provide this 2009 City calendar and annual report to you as a way of informing you and your family about the events and activities planned for the new year and providing a concise description of municipal government.

This year, the calendar illustrates and conveys the City's commitment to "Excellence. Every day." Services, programs, activities and facilities are enabled by City of Germantown officials, personnel, volunteers and residents, blending to produce a community with a deserved reputation for its quality of life and premier residential character.

We hope you find the calendar useful throughout the year; we look forward to seeing you at the meetings, events and activities that make Germantown a fine place to live, work, visit and play.

Sincerely,



Sharon Goldsworthy



Mayor Sharon Goldsworthy



Alderman John Drinnon



Alderman Mark Billingsley



Alderman Carole Hinely



Alderman Ernest Chism



Alderman Mike Palazzolo



The City of Germantown is known for its expansive park and greenway system, playing fields and numerous programs for meaningful leisure and recreation. The Parks and Recreation Department is especially committed to promoting health and wellness through events and classes. Parks are located within walking distance of each Germantown home. In Spring 2009, the Parks and Recreation Department will begin offering recreational soccer for youth ages 4 to 18 years. Focused on fun, fitness and friendship, the Germantown Youth Soccer program will be structured with small sided games and guaranteed playing time, making it a positive, inclusive and close to home total soccer experience.

JANUARY 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 City offices, library and Germantown Athletic Club closed. Holiday garbage schedule. NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3
4	5 Public Safety Education Commission, 5:30 p.m. Beautification Commission 5:30 p.m.	6 Germantown Athletic Club Commission, 6 p.m. Planning Commission, 6 p.m.	7	8 Economic Development Commission, 6 p.m. Environmental Commission 6 p.m. Neighborhood Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.	9	10 Peanut Butter and Jam Session, GPAC 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.
11	12 Board of Mayor and Aldermen, 7 p.m.	13 Tree Board, noon Youth Commission, 5:30 p.m. Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m. Ballroom Dance Pickering Center, 7 p.m.	14 Telecommunications Commission, 6 p.m.	15 Senior Advisory Commission 3:30 p.m. ArtSavvy - Don Quixote GPAC, 7 p.m.	16 Line Dance Pickering Center, 7 p.m. Jazz in the Box GPAC, 8:30 p.m.	17
18 Don Quixote Russian Ballet Theatre GPAC, 7 p.m.	19 City offices and library closed. Holiday garbage schedule. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY	20 Library Board, 5 p.m. Education Commission 6 p.m.	21 ArtSavvy - Universe of Dreams, GPAC, 7 p.m.	22 Germantown Athletic Club Open House, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Parks and Recreation Commission 5:30 p.m. Council of Neighborhood Associations, 7 p.m. Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner Gala	23 Universe of Dreams GPAC, 8 p.m.	24
25	26 Board of Mayor and Aldermen, 7 p.m. CHINESE NEW YEAR	27 Design Review Commission 6 p.m. Historic Commission, 6 p.m.	28	29	30	31 Youth Leadership Conference Athletic Club, 9 a.m. IRIS Orchestra Mendelssohn Violin Concerto, GPAC, 8 p.m.



The purchase of a new Steinway concert grand piano launched the Germantown Performing Arts Centre's 15th Anniversary Season – The Year of the Piano. A recital series of concerts featured some of the greatest pianists in the world: Leon Fleisher, Dave Brubeck, George Winston, Olga Kern and Yefim Bronfman, who selected GPAC's piano. In addition, GPAC continues to assemble some of the most compelling artists in the fields of dance, jazz and world music and invites everyone to see and hear the stellar performances.

FEBRUARY 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Public Safety Education Commission, 5:30 p.m. Beautification Commission 5:30 p.m. GROUNDHOG DAY	3 Germantown Athletic Club Commission, 6 p.m. Planning Commission, 6 p.m.	4	5 Economic Development Commission, 6 p.m. Environmental Commission 6 p.m. Potluck and Bingo Pickering Center, noon	6	7 Neil Berg's 100 Years of Broadway, GPAC, 8 p.m.
8	9 Board of Mayor and Aldermen, 7 p.m.	10 Tree Board, noon Youth Commission, 5:30 p.m. Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m. Ballroom Dance Pickering Center, 7 p.m.	11 Telecommunications Commission, 6 p.m.	12 Neighborhood Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.	13 Adult Valentine Dance Location TBA Daddy-Daughter Dance Germantown Athletic Club	14 Peanut Butter and Jam Session, GPAC 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. VALENTINE'S DAY
15	16 City offices and library closed. Regular garbage schedule. PRESIDENT'S DAY	17 Library Board, 5 p.m. Education Commission, 6 p.m.	18	19 Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, 11:15 a.m. Senior Advisory Commission, 3:30 p.m.	20 Line Dance Pickering Center, 7 p.m. Jazz in the Box GPAC, 8:30 p.m.	21 Mardi Dogs PAWrade Cameron Brown Park, 2 p.m. Young Artist Concert GPAC, 7:30 p.m.
22 Daniel Bernard Roumain GPAC, 3 p.m.	23 Board of Mayor and Aldermen, 7 p.m.	24 Design Review Commission 6 p.m. Historic Commission, 6 p.m. MARDI GRAS	25 ASH WEDNESDAY	26 Parks and Recreation Commission, 5:30 p.m.	27 Aspen Santa Fe Ballet GPAC, 8 p.m.	28 Lat day to pay property taxes without penalty



Driven by conservative fiscal policies, the City of Germantown continues to merit the triple-A bond ratings of both Moody's and Standard & Poor's. This exceptionally high rating allows the City to issue bonds at the best interest rate available. Major enhancements to the City's capital infrastructure are funded by these bonds. One such project is the expansion of the Johnson Road water plant. The project includes a new underground water storage reservoir, three new deep water wells and expansion of the water treatment plant, for a production capacity of an additional six million gallons of drinking water per day for Germantown customers.

MARCH 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Blue Note Records 70th Anniversary - On-Tour GPAC, 7 p.m.	2 Public Safety Education Commission, 5:30 p.m. Beautification Commission 5:30 p.m. Property taxes due.	3 Germantown Athletic Club Commission, 6 p.m. Planning Commission, 6 p.m.	4	5 Potluck and Bingo Pickering Center, noon Economic Development Commission, 6 p.m. Environmental Commission 6 p.m.	6	7 Peanut Butter and Jam Session, GPAC 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.
8 DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME BEGINS. Check smoke detectors.	9 Board of Mayor and Aldermen, 7 p.m.	10 Tree Board, noon Youth Commission, 5:30 p.m. Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m. Ballroom Dance Pickering Center, 7 p.m.	11 Telecommunications Commission, 6 p.m.	12 Neighborhood Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.	13	14 IRIS Orchestra Alison Balsom Returns GPAC, 8 p.m.
15 Germantown Half Marathon and Mayor's Cup 5K Germantown Athletic Club	16	17 Library Board, 5 p.m. Education Commission, 6 p.m. ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18	19 Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, 11:15 a.m. Senior Advisory Commission, 3:30 p.m. ArtSavvy - Jil Aigrot GPAC, 7 p.m.	20 Line Dance Pickering Center, 7 p.m. Jazz in the Box GPAC, 8:30 p.m. SPRING begins	21 Jil Aigrot GPAC, 8 p.m.
22 Germantown Chorus Concert, GPAC, 3 p.m.	23 Board of Mayor and Aldermen, 7 p.m.	24 Design Review Commission 6 p.m. Historic Commission, 6 p.m.	25	26 Parks and Recreation Commission, 5:30 p.m. Council of Neighborhood Associations, 7 p.m.	27	28 Olga Kern, GPAC, 8 p.m.
29 Germantown Symphony Orchestra Spring Concert GPAC, 3 p.m.	30	31				



Germantown residents are committed to helping make Germantown a great place to live. More than 200 residents serve on City commissions, volunteering their time to advise the City on everything from beautification to development to personnel policies. More than 20 serve as volunteer police officers or firefighters, helping maintain Germantown's status as the safest community in the Mid-South. Many have participated in Community Emergency Response Team training offered by the City. The 20-hour CERT course covers disaster preparedness, basic fire suppression, basic first-aid, light search and rescue and team operations.

APRIL 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Potluck and Bingo Pickering Center, noon Economic Development Commission, 6 p.m. Environmental Commission 6 p.m.	3 After Dark Easter Egg Hunt Cameron Brown Park Mariza, GPAC, 8 p.m.	4 Peanut Butter and Jam Session, GPAC 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Easter Eggstravaganza Cameron Brown Park 10 a.m. GPAC Gala, 6:30 p.m.
5 PALM SUNDAY	6 Public Safety Education Commission, 5:30 p.m. Beautification Commission 5:30 p.m.	7 Germantown Athletic Club Commission, 6 p.m. Planning Commission, 6 p.m.	8 Telecommunications Commission 6 p.m. PASSOVER begins at sundown	9 Neighborhood Preservation Commission 7 p.m. PASSOVER	10 City offices and library closed. Regular garbage schedule. GOOD FRIDAY	11
12 Library and Germantown Athletic Club closed. EASTER	13 Board of Mayor and Aldermen, 7 p.m.	14 Tree Board, noon Youth Commission, 5:30 p.m. Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m. Ballroom Dance Pickering Center, 7 p.m.	15	16 Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, 11:15 a.m. Senior Advisory Commission, 3:30 p.m.	17 Line Dance Pickering Center, 7 p.m. Jazz in the Box GPAC, 8:30 p.m.	18 Amnesty Dumpster Day Public Services Complex and Johnson Road Park 7:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
19	20	21 Library Board, 5 p.m. Education Commission 6 p.m.	22 EARTH DAY	23 Chamber of Commerce Business Expo Germantown Athletic Club 9 a.m. Parks and Recreation Commission 5:30 p.m.	24 ARBOR DAY	25 Yefim Bronfman GPAC, 8 p.m. TPO Farfalle (Butterflies) GPAC, 10 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m.
26 TPO Farfalle (Butterflies) GPAC, 1, 3 and 5 p.m. Tour of Remodeled Homes and Landscapes	27 Board of Mayor and Aldermen 7 p.m.	28 Design Review Commission 6 p.m. Historic Commission, 6 p.m.	29	30		



The mission of the Germantown Education Foundation is to acquire and distribute resources that will benefit public schools and education programs within the City of Germantown. Since its inception in 2007, the Foundation has granted nearly \$300,000 in matching funds to local schools to be used specifically for academic programs. Farmington Elementary used grant funds from the Foundation to build a learning lab where students eagerly complete hands on projects such as assembling mini composting bins. Created from a multipurpose classroom, the new lab offers teacher and students a space with new resources, from microscopes and balances to sinks and computers, where students go to find answers to important questions about the world around them.

MAY 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 IRIS Orchestra Branford Marsalis GPAC, 8 p.m.
3 Mother-Daughter Tea, 2 p.m. Germantown Athletic Club	4 Public Safety Education Commission 5:30 p.m. Beautification Commission 5:30 p.m.	5 Germantown Athletic Club Commission, 6 p.m. Planning Commission, 6 p.m.	6	7 Potluck and Bingo Pickering Center, noon Economic Development Commission, 6 p.m. Environmental Commission 6 p.m.	8	9 Peanut Butter and Jam Session, GPAC 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.
10 MOTHER'S DAY	11 Board of Mayor and Aldermen, 7 p.m.	12 Tree Board, noon Youth Commission, 5:30 p.m. Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m. Ballroom Dance Pickering Center, 7 p.m.	13 Telecommunications Commission, 6 p.m.	14 Neighborhood Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.	15 Line Dance Pickering Center, 7 p.m.	16
17	18 NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK	19 Library Board, 5 p.m.	20	21 Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, 11:15 a.m. Senior Advisory Commission, 3:30 p.m.	22	23 Germantown Athletic Club outdoor pool opens.
24 31	25 City offices and library closed. Athletic Club closes at 6 p.m. Holiday garbage schedule MEMORIAL DAY	26 Design Review Commission 6 p.m. Historic Commission, 6 p.m.	27	28 Parks and Recreation Commission, 5:30 p.m. Council of Neighborhood Associations, 7 p.m.	29	30 Touch-A-Truck Library, 10 a.m.



At Germantown Athletic Club, friendly personnel encourage members through every challenge, from getting fit to making it under a lowered limbo pole and everything in between. Germantown Athletic Club is the community's focal point for fitness, health and fellowship by providing individuals and families in the Mid-South the resources to maintain an active lifestyle. The Club offers numerous fitness and aquatic facilities, specialized classes, top of the line equipment, event programming for the entire family and personal training options including Pilates, yoga, sport specific and rehabilitative instruction. There's an open invitation to everyone to visit and tour, then join.

JUNE 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Beautification Commission 5:30 p.m. Library summer reading program begins.	2 Germantown Athletic Club Commission, 6 p.m. Planning Commission, 6 p.m. Germantown Charity Horse Show	3 Germantown Charity Horse Show	4 Economic Development Commission, 6 p.m. Environmental Commission 6 p.m. Germantown Charity Horse Show	5 Germantown Charity Horse Show	6 TWRA Mid-South Junior Fishing Rodeo Johnson Road Park, 9 a.m. Germantown Charity Horse Show
7	8 Board of Mayor and Aldermen, 7 p.m. Safety City	9 Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m. Ballroom Dance Pickering Center, 7 p.m. Safety City	10 Telecommunications Commission, 6 p.m. Safety City	11 Neighborhood Preservation Commission, 7 p.m. Safety City	12 GCT Summer Musical Municipal Park Safety City	13 GCT Summer Musical Municipal Park Germantown Athletic Club Open House, noon to 6 p.m.
14 FLAG DAY	15	16 Library Board, 5 p.m.	17	18 Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, 11:15 a.m. Senior Advisory Commission, 3:30 p.m.	19 Line Dance Pickering Center, 7 p.m.	20
21 FATHER'S DAY SUMMER begins	22 Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament Germantown Country Club 11 a.m. Board of Mayor and Aldermen, 7 p.m.	23 Design Review Commission 6 p.m. Historic Commission, 6 p.m.	24	25 Parks and Recreation Commission, 5:30 p.m.	26	27
28	29	30 City's fiscal year 2009 ends.				



Community-wide events, such as the Family Fourth of July Celebration, are the anchors of civic and social life in Germantown. Festivals, races, expos, family camp-outs, parades, holiday activities and free concerts appeal to young and old. Scheduled throughout the year and organized by the Germantown Parks and Recreation Department, often in partnership or with the support of other organizations and businesses, community events bring residents together for fun and fellowship.

JULY 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 City's fiscal year 2010 begins.	2 Potluck and Bingo Pickering Center, noon Economic Development Commission, 6 p.m. Environmental Commission 6 p.m.	3 City offices closed. Regular garbage schedule.	4 Lion's Club Fishing Rodeo Municipal Park, 9 a.m. Family Fourth Celebration Municipal Park, 5 p.m. Fireworks, 9:10 p.m. Germantown Athletic Club and library closed. INDEPENDENCE DAY
5	6 Public Safety Education Commission, 5:30 p.m. Beautification Commission 5:30 p.m.	7 Germantown Athletic Club Commission, 6 p.m. Planning Commission, 6 p.m.	8 Telecommunications Commission, 6 p.m.	9 Neighborhood Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.	10	11
12	13 Board of Mayor and Aldermen, 7 p.m.	14 Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m. Ballroom Dance Pickering Center, 7 p.m.	15	16 Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, 11:15 a.m. Senior Advisory Commission 3:30 p.m.	17 Line Dance Pickering Center, 7 p.m. Germantown Athletic Club Membership Luau, 7:30 p.m. Germantown Sidewalk Sales	18 Germantown Sidewalk Sales
19	20	21 Library Board, 5 p.m.	22	23 Parks and Recreation Commission, 5:30 p.m. Council of Neighborhood Associations, 7 p.m.	24	25
26	27 Board of Mayor and Aldermen, 7 p.m.	28 Design Review Commission 6 p.m. Historic Commission, 6 p.m.	29	30	31 Library summer reading program ends.	



Germantown police officers work daily with residents and businesses to prevent crime and resolve other safety issues. The department provides special services such as vacation checks of residences and car seat installation inspections. Resource officers are assigned to each Germantown middle school and high school. These Houston Middle School students are learning about the dangers of drug use through the Counteract program. Officers support school staff in maintaining a secure campus and promote positive relationships between police and young people.

AUGUST 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3 Public Safety Education Commission, 5:30 p.m. Beautification Commission 5:30 p.m.	4 Germantown Athletic Club Commission, 6 p.m. Planning Commission, 6 p.m.	5	6 Potluck and Bingo Pickering Center, noon Economic Development Commission, 6 p.m. Environmental Commission 6 p.m.	7	8
9	10 Board of Mayor and Aldermen, 7 p.m.	11 Tree Board, noon Youth Commission, 5:30 p.m. Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m. Ballroom Dance Pickering Center, 7 p.m.	12 Telecommunications Commission, 6 p.m.	13 Neighborhood Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.	14	15
16	17	18 Library Board, 5 p.m. Education Commission 6 p.m.	19	20 Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, 11:15 a.m. Senior Advisory Commission, 3:30 p.m.	21 Line Dance Pickering Center, 7 p.m.	22 RAMADAN begins.
23	24 Board of Mayor and Aldermen, 7 p.m.	25 Design Review Commission 6 p.m. Historic Commission, 6 p.m.	26	27 Parks and Recreation Commission, 5:30 p.m.	28	29
30	31					



Germantown Parks and Recreation department strives to provide recreational opportunities for all residents, regardless of age or ability. In cooperation with Germantown Community Library, the department has worked to expand programming for those with disabilities. Special recreation programs include monthly dances, dance lessons, karaoke parties, outdoor picnics, art classes and kickball and basketball leagues.

SEPTEMBER 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH		Germantown Athletic Club Commission, 6 p.m. Planning Commission, 6 p.m.	Public Safety Education Commission, 5:30 p.m.	Potluck and Bingo Pickering Center, noon Economic Development Commission, 6 p.m. Environmental Commission 6 p.m.		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	City offices and library closed. Athletic Club closes 6 p.m. Holiday garbage schedule. LABOR DAY	Tree Board, noon Youth Commission, 5:30 p.m. Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m. Ballroom Dance Pickering Center, 7 p.m.	Telecommunications Commission, 6 p.m.	Neighborhood Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.	PATRIOT DAY	Germantown Festival C.O. Franklin Park 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Germantown Festival noon to 6 p.m. Running of the Weenies 2:30 p.m. C.O. Franklin Park	Board of Mayor and Aldermen, 7 p.m.	Library Board, 5 p.m. Education Commission 6 p.m.		Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, 11:15 a.m. Senior Advisory Commission, 3:30 p.m.	Line Dance Pickering Center, 7 p.m. ROSH HASHANA begins at sundown.	Amnesty Dumpster Day Public Services Complex and Johnson Road Park 7:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Germantown Heritage Day 3 p.m. Pops in the Park, 6 p.m. Municipal Park ROSH HASHANA
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Chamber of Commerce Taste of the Town, 5 p.m.		Design Review Commission 6 p.m. Historic Commission, 6 p.m. AUTUMN begins		Parks and Recreation Commission, 5:30 p.m. Council of Neighborhood Associations, 7 p.m.		
27	28	29	30			
YOM KIPPUR begins at sundown.	Board of Mayor and Aldermen, 7 p.m. YOM KIPPUR					



While the Germantown Fire Department provides timely, effective response to fire and medical emergencies for the protection of lives and property, it also focuses on prevention. The LAFS (Learning About Fire Safety) clown troupe uses entertaining techniques to teach children about fire and life safety. Composed of GFD personnel, the troupe takes its message to 4,000 youngsters in Germantown schools during Fire Prevention Week, as well as thousands more children throughout the year.

OCTOBER 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Potluck and Bingo Pickering Center, noon Economic Development Commission, 6 p.m. Environmental Commission 6 p.m.	2	3
4 Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service Great Hall of Germantown FIRE PREVENTION WEEK	5 Public Safety Education Commission, 5:30 p.m. Beautification Commission 5:30 p.m.	6 Germantown Athletic Club Commission, 6 p.m. Planning Commission, 6 p.m.	7	8 Neighborhood Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.	9	10
11	12 Board of Mayor and Aldermen, 7 p.m. Regular garbage schedule. COLUMBUS DAY	13 Tree Board, noon Youth Commission 5:30 p.m. Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m. Ballroom Dance Pickering Center, 7 p.m.	14 Telecommunications Commission, 6 p.m.	15 Chamber of Commerce Fashion Show and Luncheon, 11:15 a.m. Senior Advisory Commission, 3:30 p.m.	16 Line Dance Pickering Center, 7 p.m.	17
18	19	20 Library Board, 5 p.m. Education Commission 6 p.m.	21	22 Parks and Recreation Commission, 5:30 p.m. Neighborhood Leaders Conference, Great Hall of Germantown, 5 p.m.	23 Festival of Fun and Fright Bob Hailey Athletic Complex 6:30 p.m.	24 Festival of Fun and Fright Bob Hailey Athletic Complex 6:30 p.m.
25	26 Board of Mayor and Aldermen, 7 p.m.	27 Design Review Commission 6 p.m. Historic Commission, 6 p.m.	28	29	30	31 HALLOWEEN



Germantown Community Library is home to more than 140,000 print, audio, video and online materials. Library programs, including computer and database training for adults, anime club for teens and numerous story time opportunities for children, are provided at no cost. Germantown residents enjoy free use of the library and its resources. Germantown Regional History and Genealogy Center is a satellite location for the library, housing research materials related to regional history and genealogy.

NOVEMBER 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME ENDS Check smoke detectors.	2 Public Safety Education Commission, 5:30 p.m. Beautification Commission 5:30 p.m.	3 Germantown Athletic Club Commission, 6 p.m. Planning Commission, 6 p.m.	4	5 Senior Expo Germantown Athletic Club 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Economic Development Commission, 6 p.m. Environmental Commission 6 p.m.	6	7
8	9 Board of Mayor and Aldermen, 7 p.m.	10 Tree Board, noon Youth Commission, 5:30 p.m. Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m. Ballroom Dance Pickering Center, 7 p.m.	11 Telecommunications Commission, 6 p.m. Regular garbage schedule. VETERAN'S DAY Memorial Service West Tennessee Veteran's Cemetery	12 Neighborhood Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.	13	14 Gobble Wobble 5K Germantown Athletic Club 7:15 a.m.
15	16	17 Library Board, 5 p.m. Education Commission 6 p.m.	18	19 Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, 11:15 a.m. Senior Advisory Commission, 3:30 p.m. Council of Neighborhood Associations, 7 p.m.	20 Line Dance Pickering Center, 7 p.m.	21
22	23 Board of Mayor and Aldermen, 7 p.m.	24 Design Review Commission 6 p.m. Historic Commission, 6 p.m.	25 Germantown Athletic Club closes 5 p.m.	26 City offices, library and Germantown Athletic Club closed. Holiday garbage schedule. THANKSGIVING DAY	27 City offices and library closed. Germantown Athletic Club open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Holiday Tree Lighting Municipal Lake 5 p.m. Nutcracker Lane C.O. Franklin Park EID AL-ADHA	28 Nutcracker Lane C.O. Franklin Park
29	30					



Photo by Elven Blalock

Germantown Community Theatre is an arts organization dedicated to creating opportunities for community participation - as actors, technicians, designers and especially as audience. Thanks to a partnership with the City of Germantown, the theatre has a dynamic and ever-growing education program that offers young artists the chance to learn about acting, Shakespeare, design, puppetry, storytelling, masks - and just about anything you can think of that reveals the world of theatre to Germantown's next great generation.

DECEMBER 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Germantown Athletic Club Commission, 6 p.m. Planning Commission, 6 p.m.	2	3 Potluck and Bingo Pickering Center, noon Economic Development Commission, 6 p.m. Environmental Commission 6 p.m.	4 Journey to the North Pole Germantown Athletic Club	5 Journey to the North Pole Germantown Athletic Club
6	7 Public Safety Education Commission, 5:30 p.m. Beautification Commission 5:30 p.m.	8 Tree Board, noon Youth Commission, 5:30 p.m. Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m. Ballroom Dance Pickering Center, 7 p.m.	9 Telecommunications Commission, 6 p.m.	10 Parks and Recreation Commission, 5:30 p.m. Neighborhood Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.	11 HANUKKAH begins at sundown.	12 Holiday Parade Farmington Boulevard* HANUKKAH
13	14 Board of Mayor and Aldermen, 7 p.m.	15 Library Board, 5 p.m. Education Commission 6 p.m.	16	17 Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, 11:15 a.m.	18 Line Dance Pickering Center, 7 p.m.	19
20	21 WINTER begins	22 Design Review Commission 6 p.m. Historic Commission, 6:30 p.m.	23	24 City offices and library close at noon. Germantown Athletic Club closes at 5 p.m. CHRISTMAS EVE	25 City offices, library and Germantown Athletic Club closed. Holiday garbage schedule. CHRISTMAS DAY	26 Germantown Athletic Club open noon to 9 p.m. KWANZAA
27	28	29	30	31 City offices and library close at noon. Germantown Athletic Club closes at 5 p.m. NEW YEAR'S EVE		*Please call 757-7375 for updated holiday parade schedule.

When the Germantown Board of Mayor and Aldermen embraced Vision 2020 as the City's strategic guide for development and sustainability over the next 15 years (2005-2020), it identified specific goals organized around five areas: public safety, economic sustainability, community vitality, quality of life and city services/finances. Each January, in its annual retreat, the Board uses those goals as a checkpoint for accomplishments halfway through the current fiscal year and as direction for development of the services the City will provide in the next fiscal year. The listings with each area are a "snapshot" of innovation, achievement and points of progress in the City's delivery of quality services to its citizens, business community and visitors.

Public Safety

- Lowest crime rate in Tennessee and Mid-South of similar-sized cities
- Expansion from five to six policing districts, intensifying patrol activity in both residential and commercial areas
- Police emergency response time of less than four minutes
- Fire emergency medical response time of less than 5.1 minutes
- Ambulance response time of less than nine minutes more than 90 percent of calls
- Specialized training units for Special Weapons and Tactics, Special Operations and Rescue, Hazardous Material Response and Urban Search and Rescue



Economic Sustainability

- Smart Growth plan for mixed use redevelopment of central business district for stronger tax base
- City staffing and strategies for economic development
- Shop Germantown initiatives and Sidewalk Sales

Community Vitality

- Neighborhood Preservation promotion and stronger maintenance codes and enforcement
- Neighborhood Improvement Plan for infrastructure replacement and repair
- Decorative street sign installation in neighborhoods
- Six-million gallon expansion of water production and improvement of storage and distribution system
- Grants through Education Foundation to supplement academic resources in public schools



Quality of Life

- More than 200 citizen-volunteers on advisory commissions, boards and foundations
- Nationally accredited Parks and Recreation Department
- Tree City USA 16 consecutive years
- 750-plus acres parkland, greenway and nature areas
- Conversion of yard waste to mulch and fire wood and returned to homeowners
- Athletic Club renovations



Services/Finances

- Maintenance of triple-A bond rating from Standard and Poor's and Moody's
- Expense reduction without compromise of service quality
- Update of information technology network and telephone system to support all departments
- Business plan approach to organizing, managing and delivering all City services

The City's proposed budget for FY09 continues to support the vision, goals and strategies identified in Vision 2020. The Vision defines actions that enable our community's transition from several decades in the growth/development mode to long-term sustainability. It promotes preservation, reinvestment, and redevelopment to assure a property tax base that continues to appreciate and provide adequate revenues to fund municipal services. More importantly, Vision 2020 examines the other side of government finances: managing costs. At their annual retreat in January, elected officials identified priorities for the immediate future, at the same time making certain those priorities are consistent with long-term stability in service quality and revenues.

Consistent with the five-year fiscal model projected at the time of the last property tax rate adjustment (FY04), the FY09 general fund and capital fund budget extends that rate through a sixth year. Actions by the administration throughout FY08—restructuring functions, consolidating positions, redefining job responsibilities and other measures—resulted in savings and efficiencies. Those efforts have helped offset inflationary growth in costs and enable service improvements. The managed competition approach initiated during FY06 has set the pace and prospects for even greater efficiency and effectiveness in the years ahead.

The FY09 budget is a product of the Board's thoughtful and careful decisions about services and infrastructure investment, the Financial Advisory Commission's diligent examination of revenue and expense projections and the professional staff's daily stewardship of citizen tax dollars. Driven by conservative fiscal policies, the City continues to merit the triple-A bond ratings of both Moody's and Standard & Poor's, established in FY94 and most recently reaffirmed during FY07.

This budget encompasses a wide range of municipal services. It enhances safety and security, supports infrastructure replacement and improvement, sustains fiscal soundness, maintains the character of the community and supports a broad spectrum of programs that will make the city an even better place to live, work, play and visit.

All Funds

Revenues \$55,981,330

Expenses \$55,704,724

General Fund

Revenues \$38,293,910

Expenses \$38,139,195

The general fund is the principle operating fund of the City. This fund typically covers most of the basic operating services such as fire and police, finance, administration, parks and recreation and public services.

Enterprise Funds

Revenues \$15,377,389

Expenses \$15,071,247

Enterprise funds account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to that of a private business, including the utility fund, the Germantown Athletic Club fund and the sanitation fund.

Capital Improvements Program

Expenses \$13,600,000

The CIP addresses projects that require the acquisition or construction of major infrastructure. Fiscal year 2009 has 35 budgeted CIP projects. Projects of interest include:

Utilities

- Germantown Road South sewer and water expansions
- Johnson Road lift station
- Miller Farms sewer outfall
- Arthur/Riggs sewer expansion
- Moore Road water mains

Drainage

- Miller Farms Phase I
- Lateral E
- Lateral D Phase II

Facility and Efficiency Upgrades

- Fire pumper
- Police dispatch renovation
- GPAC lighting upgrade

Parks

- Park land acquisition
- Skate Park improvements

Major Road Improvements

- Germantown Road/Stout Road
- Germantown Road / West Street / Norfolk Southern Railroad
- Wolf River Boulevard right of way



Emergency (Fire, Police, EMS)	911
Non-emergency Police Dispatch	757-7339
City of Germantown	
Mayor's Action Center	757-7264
General Information	757-7200
germantown-tn.gov	
Accounts Payable	757-7220
Accident Reports	757-7320
Animal Shelter	757-7358
Board of Mayor and Aldermen	757-7251
Business Licenses	757-7244
City Administration	757-7201
City Attorney	757-7201
City Clerk	757-7251
Code Compliance	757-7263
Development	757-7281
Engineering	757-7281
Environmental Services	757-7350
Finance	757-7280
Fire Department	757-7268
Fire Marshal	757-7269
Garbage Collection	757-7263
Germantown Athletic Club	757-7370
GPAC Box Office	751-7500
gpacweb.com	
Municipal Court	757-7212
Neighborhood Services	757-7263
Parks and Recreation	757-7375
Personnel	757-7250
Planning	757-7281
Police Department	757-7300
Post Office	754-2470
Public Information Office	757-7297
Purchasing	757-7260
Recycling	757-7263
Risk Management	757-7221
Senior Programming	757-7375
Sports	757-7379

Street Maintenance	757-7350
Taxes	757-7218
Traffic Engineering	757-7281
Volunteer Corps	757-7375
Water Billing and Service	757-7605
Water Treatment Plant	757-7359

Community Services	
Arts Alliance	757-9768
Chamber of Commerce	755-1200
germantownchamber.com	
Charity Horse Show	754-0009
gchs.org	
Community Theatre	754-2680
germantowncommunitytheatre.org	
Germantown Chorus	383-2051
GermantownChorus.com	
Germantown Community Library	757-READ
germantown-library.org	
Germantown Regional History and Genealogy Center	757-8480
Germantown Symphony Orchestra	755-8708
germantownsymphony.org	
Germantown Youth Athletic Assoc.	754-4922
GYAA.org	
Lifeblood	756-8585
lifeblood.org	
New Neighbors Club	759-5820
newneighbors.org	
Tennessee Shakespeare Co.	759-0604
tnshakespeare.org	

City of Memphis	cityofmemphis.org
MATA	274-6282
Memphis Light, Gas and Water	544-6549
Memphis Police Department	528-2222

County and State	shelbycountyttn.gov	state.tn.us
Assistance Center		545-4311
Business Tax Division		545-4249
Code Enforcement		379-4200
Driver's License		543-7920
Health Department		544-7600
Hazardous Waste		379-7020
Homeland Security		379-7904
License Plates (Auto)		545-4244
Marriage License		545-4255
Mental Health Crisis Hotline		274-7477
Property Taxes		521-1829
Sheriff's Department		545-5500
Voter Registration		545-4136
Weather Service		544-0399

Shelby County Schools	scsk12.org
Board of Education	321-2500
Dogwood Elementary	756-2310
Farmington Elementary	756-2320
Germantown Elementary	756-2330
Germantown High	756-2350
Germantown Middle	756-2338
Houston High	756-2370
Houston Middle	756-2366
Riverdale Elementary	756-2300

Private Schools in Germantown	
The Bodine School	754-1800
Evangelical Christian School	754-4420
Madonna Learning Center	752-5767
Memphis Oral School for the Deaf	758-2228
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	754-1204
The Phoenix School	757-4360
St. George's Independent School	754-5141



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